require very high volumes and paying capacity.

Ministry of Railways is contemplating increasing the speed of good trains to 100 kmph to reduce the speed differential between passener & freight trains.

Gauge Conversion of Kadur-Sakleshpur and Mysore-Chamaraj Nagar Sections

2838. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested to include Kadur-Sakaleshpur had Mysore-Chamaraj Nagar for gauge conversion;

(b) if so, whether these requests have been considered;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) which are the other pending proposals requested by the Karnataka Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The work of new line from Kadur to Sakleshpur and gauge conversion of Mysore-Chamarajanagar are already included in the railway budget. On Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur project, earthwork and bridges on part of the length between Kadur-Chikmagalur are in progress. For Mysore-Chamarajanagar project, requisite clearances have been obtained and preparation of plans and estimates have been taken up.

(d) Some of the proposals received from Government of the Karnataka during last 3 years are as under:-

1. Mysore-Mangalore and Mysore-Tellicherry New Line.
2. Medikeri-Chennarayapatna and Kushalnagar-Chennarayapatna New Line.
3. Doubling & electrification of Ramanagram-Mysore section.